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DOUBLE-LOOP MOTION-COMPENSATION FINE GRANULAR SCALABILITY

RELATED APPLICATIONS

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[0001] Commonly-assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application, No.

"Single-Loop Motion-Compensation Fine Granular Scalability", filed , 2001.

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[0002] Commonly-assigned, copending U.S. Patent Application, No. 3

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"Totally Embedded FGS Video Coding with Motion Compensation", filed

2001

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention relates to video coding, and more particularly to a scalable enhancement layer video coding scheme that employs motion compensation within the enhancement layer for bi-directional predicted frames (B-frames) and predicted frames and bi-directional predicted frames and (P- and B-frames).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] Scalable enhancement layer video coding has been used for compressing video transmitted over computer networks having a varying bandwidth, such as the Internet. A current enhancement layer video coding scheme employing fine granular scalable coding techniques (adopted by the ISO MPEG-4 standard) is shown in FIG. 1. As can be seen, the video coding scheme 10 includes a prediction-based base layer 11 coded at a bit rate R_{BL}, and an FGS enhancement layer 12 coded at R_{EL}.